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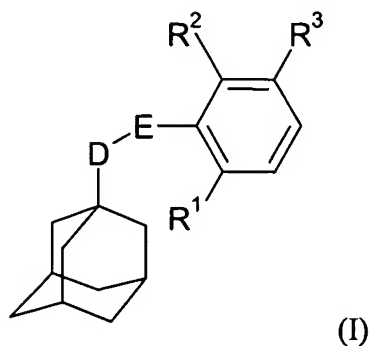
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended and reformatted): A compound of general formula



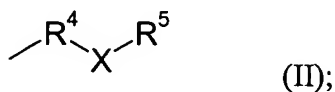
wherein D represents CH₂ or CH₂CH₂;

E represents C(O)NH or NHC(O);

R¹ and R² each independently represent hydrogen, halogen, amino, nitro, C₁-C₆ alkyl

or trifluoromethyl, but R¹ and R² may not both simultaneously represent hydrogen;

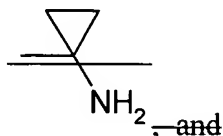
R³ represents a group of formula



R⁴ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group;

X represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group NR¹³, SO or SO₂;

R^5 represents hydrogen, or R^5 represents C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_2-C_6 alkenyl, each of which may be optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from halogen, hydroxyl, (di)- C_1-C_6 alkylamino, YR^6 ;



a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring comprising from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur which heteroaromatic ring may itself be optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from halogen, hydroxyl and C_1-C_6 alkyl;

Y represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group NH , SO or SO_2 ;

R^6 represents a group R^7Z where R^7 represents a C_2-C_6 alkyl group and Z represents an $-OH$, $-CO_2H$, $-NR^8R^9$, $-C(O)NR^{10}R^{11}$ or $-N(R^{12})C(O)-C_1-C_6$ alkyl group, and, in the case where Y represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group NH , R^6

additionally represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy carbonyl, $-C(O)NR^{14}R^{15}$, $-CH_2OC(O)R^{16}$, $-CH_2OC(O)OR^{17}$ or $-C(O)OCH_2OR^{18}$;

R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} and R^{12} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl group;

R^{13} represents hydrogen, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkylmethyl, or R^{13} represents

a C₁-C₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from

hydroxyl and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; and

R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{17} and R^{18} each independently represent a C₁-C₆ alkyl group;

with the proviso that when E is C(O)NH, X is not O, NH or N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), then R^5 is

~~other than a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted C₁-C₆ alkyl group;~~

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 2 (**original**): A compound according to claim 1, wherein D represents CH₂.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**): A compound according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~,
wherein E represents NHC(O).

Claim 4 (**currently amended**): A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~
claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 each independently represent a hydrogen, chlorine or bromine
atom, or an amino, nitro, C₁-C₃ alkyl or trifluoromethyl group.

Claim 5 (**cancelled**).

Claim 6 (**currently amended**): A compound according to claim 1-5, wherein X represents a group NR^{13} in which R^{13} represents hydrogen, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{OH}$, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or cyclohexylmethyl.

Claims 7-9 (**cancelled**).

Claim 10 (**currently amended and reformatted**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, according to claim 1 which is selected from:

~~2-Chloro-5-[[2-(2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-ethylamino]-methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide dihydrochloride,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethylamino]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropylamino)methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[(5-hydroxypentylamino)methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~2-Chloro-5-[[2-[(2-hydroxyethylthio)ethylamino]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]-dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-(methylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

~~5-[3-[(2-Amino-2-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, dihydrochloride salt,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(4-hydroxybutyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(methylamino)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, dihydrochloride salt,~~

(S)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

(R)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

(R)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)-1-methylethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~5-[3-[[2-(Acetylamino)ethyl]amino]propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, dihydrochloride salt,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-methoxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

~~2-Chloro-5-[[3-(methylamino)propoxy]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[[2-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]ethoxy]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetic acid salt,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[[2-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]ethoxy]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetic acid salt,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[[[3-[(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]amino]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

5-[[3-Aminopropyl]amino]methyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~2-Chloro-5-[[[2-[(1-methylethyl)amino]ethyl]amino]methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~3-[[3-[4-Chloro-3-[[[tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)amino]-~~
~~carbonyl]phenyl]propyl]amino]propanoic acid, 2,2-dimethylpropyl ester,~~
~~trifluoroacetic acid salt,~~

~~5-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)pentylamino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(methyl-2-propenylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]methylamino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-~~
~~1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~5-[3-(Butylethylamino)propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(methylpentylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]ethylamino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)methylamino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(dipropylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-~~
~~1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~5-[3-[Butyl(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(diethylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~5-[3-(Butylmethylamino)propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)propylamino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[ethyl(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(dibutylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(ethylpropylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[methyl(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]methylamino]propyl]-N-~~
~~(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[cyclohexyl(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-~~
~~ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclohexylmethylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclohexylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-~~
~~benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl]amino]propyl]-N-~~
~~(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopentylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-5-[3-[(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)amino]propyl]-benzamide,

5-[3-(Butylamino)propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(methylthio)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, and

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-(2-propenylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-fluoroethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,₅

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[3-(methylamino)propoxy]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide, dihydrochloride salt,~~

~~5-[[[(1-Aminocyclopropyl)methyl](2-hydroxyethyl)amino]methyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

~~5-[[[(2-Hydroxyethyl)[2-(methylamino)ethyl]amino]methyl]-2-methyl-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,~~

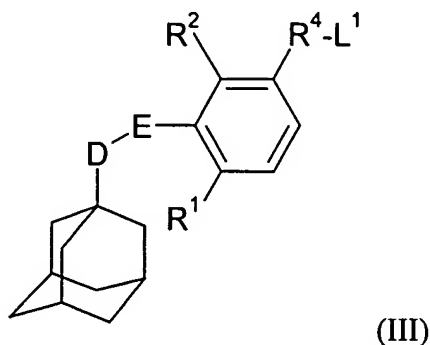
~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide,~~

~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide, and~~

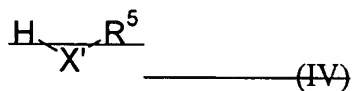
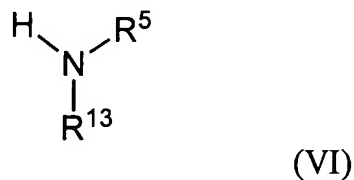
~~2-Chloro-5-[3-[[3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended and reformatted): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 which comprises:

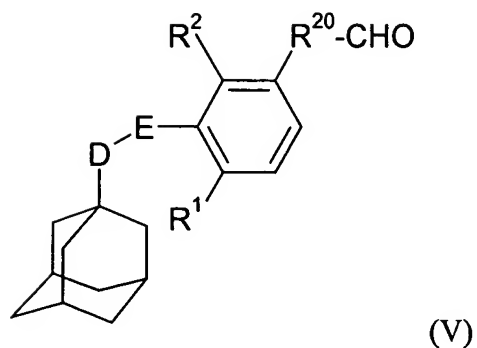
- (a) ~~when X represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group NR^{13}~~ , reacting a compound of general formula



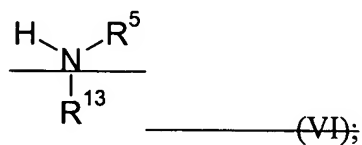
wherein L^1 represents a leaving group and D, E, R^1 , R^2 and R^4 are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of general formula



- wherein R^5 and R^{13} are ~~X' represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group NR^{13}~~ , and R^5 is as defined in formula (I), optionally in the presence of a suitable silver salt; or
- ~~(b) when X represents SO or SO_2 , reacting a corresponding compound of formula (I) in which X represents a sulphur atom with a suitable oxidising agent; or~~
- ~~(b)(c) when X represents a group NR^{13}~~ , reacting a compound of general formula



wherein R^{20} represents a bond or C_1 - C_5 alkyl group and D, E, R^1 and R^2 are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of general formula (VI) as defined in (a) above



wherein R^5 and R^{13} are as defined in formula (I), in the presence of a reducing agent; and optionally after (a), or (b) ~~or~~ (c) converting the compound of formula (I) obtained to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, as claimed

in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 ~~1 to 10~~ in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

Claim 13 (**currently amended**): A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 12 which comprises mixing a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 ~~1 to 10~~ with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

Claims 14-19 (**cancelled**).

Claim 20 (**currently amended**): A method of effecting immunosuppression which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 ~~1 to 10~~ to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 21 (**currently amended**): A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 ~~1 to 10~~ to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 22 (**currently amended**): A method of treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of

formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10~~-1 to -10~~ to a patient in need thereof.